

God's Love for His Children

Alexandria

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Romans 8 vs. 31-39

Romans 8 vs. 38 - Who then can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or hunger or poverty or danger or death?

The last two weeks have been a time of deep uncertainty & fear, a time of conflict and clash, a time of bloodshed and death for the community of Alexandria. From 7 March to 2 April

<sup>20</sup> ~~20~~ people died as a result of the violence, whilst 86 were treated for stab wounds & 167 for assault and burns. <sup>in Alex. Church</sup> A. Amongst the dead was Sgt Pitane, a

member of our congregation. During the last 4 weeks more than 600 families have been forced to flee from their homes near the Madaba Hostel

(Katlichang (20 dead), many questions have arisen!! Who is behind

all this violence? What are all the causes?

When will this end? (Eq. in <sup>Katlichang</sup> Some Friday) : SACC, SACBC, Minister Fraternal

A.N.C., Jubatha, Goldstone Commission,

Govt all expressed their concern. Nelson M. paid personal visit to Alexandria

Greatest one  
Commission  
request

A church sermon is not the <sup>appropriate</sup> occasion to ~~ask~~ [2].  
~~for~~ make an analysis or find answers to all  
these questions // Our concern is much more to  
ask: why is God doing all this? Or allowing  
it to happen? If He is a God of love, can't  
He stop all this violence? Why must so  
many innocent people suffer and die?

Answer: 1. God's sacrifice of His Own Son  
(J.X.) to most convincing proof of His love  
to all his people! God died for us  
in X't! What clearer proof can He give?  
(Romans 8 vs 32)

2. God has given us his Word (esp.  
the Gospel), His Son & his teachers &  
example, the guidance of His Spirit,  
our human mind, our insight, our  
enlightened conscience: all to guide  
us in to discernment of the truth and  
solving of our problems E.g. violence  
in Alex and the rest causes —  
known!

3. Sacrifice of innocent people all over  
by God to open the eyes of the com-  
munity!

4. If we truly seek God's love +  
justice, He will heal our lives

5. Urgent need for prayer,  
dialogue + then action